

Many Tourists Seeing Ashland

To entertain the 300 tourists from Ohio Saturday and Sunday it was planned by the Commercial Club committee to take them to the Gillette spring, a trip up our canyon and over our high drives, a gathering in the park and explanation of our resources, in the meantime having their train sent to Medford and then our citizens would take them down the valley over the Pacific highway and let them entrain again at Medford.

However, on account of the inclemency of the weather were not able on Saturday to take the crowd over our high drives, and the protest of the automobile owners against the climb of the Farnham hill and the great distance to be traversed they were not willing to make the trip to Medford.

Arrangements have been made whereby the Southern Pacific Company will stop practically all of their special tourist trains at Ashland for two or three hours on their trip to, or returning from, the exposition over the Shasta route, and no doubt, through this plan, Ashland will be visited by many thousands of eastern tourists this year.

At a meeting of the Commercial Club and members of the council three different rides have been fixed as sightseeing trips for the tourist.

First, for the entertainment of those stopping only twenty minutes—Meet them at the depot with automobiles, take them up our canyon and over our new Glenview Drive and back to the depot.

Second, for tourists stopping two hours—Take them from the depot up the canyon and over the new Glenview Drive, thence to the Gillette New Lithia Spring, serving water with lemon and sugar, thence back to Plaza Park, where our project and proposed development will be explained, thence back to the depot.

Third, for tourists having three hours to stay at Ashland—From the depot up the canyon and over Glenview Drive, thence to the Gillette Lithia Spring, thence back to our park, thence down the valley to see the orchards of the valley.

On these trips the tourist train will be set on side track at Talent, where we will take the tourist by automobile.

It was hoped to terminate the valley trip at Medford, but owing to the bad condition of the Farnham hill our citizens were not willing to attempt the trip, and until the Farnham hill is graded and paved the terminus of the trip will be Talent.

Ah Lee Woos and Wins Lim Lun

Ah Lee, a rising young Chinaman of San Francisco, and Lim Lun of Ashland, a niece of Wah Chung, the local Chinese contractor, were "all samee hooked" for life at the A street home of Wah Chung Sunday. Ah Lee journeyed all the way from San Francisco to claim his demure little Mongolian bride and was nonplussed when, after getting a license at Jacksonville, he found that it was necessary to have a minister or justice of the peace perform a marriage ceremony. Wah Chung soon removed this obstacle by calling up his friend, Leo Trefren, justice of the peace, who hastened down with his wife. Mrs. Trefren and Wah Chung were witnesses and the ceremony was solemnized in the presence of several of the local Chinese colony. Burning incense and oriental decorative effects made the affair one which will be long remembered by the two white people. The happy young couple left Sunday evening for San Francisco.

Robert Haney of Douglas county, who has been visiting relatives in California, stopped over at Ashland last week and visited at the Benedict and Cooper homes. Mr. Haney is an old veteran with a wonderful memory of past events. He can give exact date and detail of each happening during his three years' service in the Civil War, telling thrilling stories of his march with Sherman from Atlanta to the sea.

According to reports from the Sacramento Valley many thousand dollars' injury was done to the cherry and berry crops by the recent heavy rains. Fruit and berries in the Rogue River Valley received a like amount of benefit from the rains here.

Work on Highway North End of County

Actual construction work is to begin at once on the Pacific highway from Central Point to the north county line. The county court has located the highway as follows:

Beginning at intersection of Fourth and Pine streets in Central Point, it will follow west on Pine street, crossing the S. P. track to the intersection of Haskell and Pine streets; thence northwest to the intersection of the county road known as the Jacksonville and Big Butte road; thence on same road to the southwest corner of the J. C. Herring place; thence north along the Central Point-Tolo road to the southwest corner of what is known as the W. K. Price place; thence over the Blackwell hills to Gold Hill, crossing Rogue river on the Gold Hill bridge; thence along the north bank of Rogue river to the Rock Point bridge, there crossing over to the south bank of Rogue river; thence west along south bank of Rogue river to the Josephine county line.

The work has already started, under the supervision of Engineer W. D. Clark. It is the intention of the county court to grade the highway from Central Point to the Josephine county line, then pave the same from Central Point north as far as funds will permit.

Cincinnati Special Train

While Mr. Norris was at the depot meeting the Ohio retail grocers' special train he received a telegram from H. C. Elliott, secretary of the Cincinnati Retail Grocers' Association, stating that they would arrive in the city about 2 p. m. Sunday and remain two hours. This was in response to a telegram, or several telegrams, which Secretary Norris had sent to Mr. Elliott asking him to stop his party here for that length of time. The train was over two hours late arriving in the city, getting here at 4:45 p. m., and as it was raining it was decided that no trip to the springs be made. There were 145 in the party and they were conveyed in automobiles around the drive and shown the park and many made the trip to the Helman bath house. Rain prevented any other trips being made, but everyone on the train were loud in their praise of Ashland and the treatment they received while here. The train left promptly at 6:45 p. m.

Too much cannot be said of the part which the ladies of Ashland took in the entertainment of the visitors arriving both Saturday and Sunday. The flower committee consisted of Mrs. D. D. Norris, Mrs. W. H. McNair, Mrs. M. E. Briggs and Mrs. W. E. Newcombe, assisted by scores of others. They were on hand with armloads of roses which were distributed among the visitors and large bouquets placed on each table in the diners. All around it was one grand time for Ashland.

These are the first of the many special trains which will visit Ashland during the summer and Ashland is greatly indebted to John Scott and the Southern Pacific Company for the opportunity to entertain them. Others are on the way and it is very evident that the Southern Pacific officials intend that Ashland shall have a chance at all of them. It is publicity of the highest order and there is no end to the good things that will come to Ashland from such publicity and the rich returns that it will bring. A plan is under way now whereby every automobile owner who makes these drives will receive certain sums according to the trips made and the length of time. This schedule will be made public later.

Free Lecture At Lyric Tuesday

Under the auspices of the Southern Pacific Company, Mr. Eyde of the bureau of explosives will deliver an illustrated lecture on explosives. The lecture is a very interesting one and instructive as well. Shippers and business men who have to handle explosives are especially urged to be present. The lecture will be free. Preceding the lecture a program of pictures will be shown. Music by the Lyric orchestra. The lecture commences at 8 o'clock, tomorrow (Tuesday) evening.

Ashland Tenders Visiting Ohio Merchants Royal Reception

Ashland was host to a party of 120 Ohioans Saturday afternoon. The visitors arrived at 3 o'clock and were greeted by a large crowd at the depot. Autos were provided and the trip made to Lithia Springs, where Mr. Gillette had erected a glass tube in the spring and the visitors were all given a drink of the water. There was lemon juice and sugar on hand for those wishing it. Everyone was carried away with the spring.

Following this trip the easterners were shown the beauties of the city, ending their trip around town in the park, where a short program of music and speeches occupied a half hour. The Ashland band rendered several selections and speeches were delivered by L. S. Brown, Mayor Johnson, Rev. J. S. Smith of the local Ohio society, and B. R. Greer. Mr. Green, secretary of the National Grocers' Association, responded for the visitors. All of the visitors were loaded with armfuls of roses by the ladies of Ashland. Several local Ohioans renewed acquaintances among the visitors.

The official Ohio song of the society was sung and Miriam Gregg recited an Ohio poem written by Mrs. Yockey. It had been previously decided that the crowd would be taken to Medford and placed on their train, but on account of it being Saturday afternoon and some of the merchants having to be back to their places of business it was deemed advisable to call this part of the program off and they were taken back to the depot. W. H. Cook, in charge of the train, expressed to Secretary Norris his hearty appreciation of their treatment while here, stating that it was the most hearty reception they had received and that they certainly would not forget us.

Owing to a report circulated to the effect that Glenview Drive was muddy and unfit for auto travel the prettiest part of the day's program and the part which would have made the most lasting impression was denied the visitors. One car made the trip and found the road to be in perfect shape.

Summer House Under Construction

The cement floor and columns for the summer house which the park commission is erecting in the triangle park at the intersection of the Boulevard and Iowa street are under construction and the pergola should be finished in a couple of weeks. This park is one of the most beautiful of the Ashland parks and has some symmetrically laid out flower-plots and shrubbery. The summer house will be a favorite place on sunny days as well as being a much appreciated resting place for the residents of the far south end of town who find the long walk to the business portion of the city extremely tiresome.

Two Governors' Specials Coming

The Commercial Club this morning received notification from John M. Scott of two special trains on the way. The first one will arrive in the city May 22 from the south, and carries Hon. Phillips Lee Goldsborough, governor of Maryland, and party, occupying two compartment cars. The second one will arrive May 29 from the south and carries J. F. Fielder, governor of New Jersey, and party, they occupying two standard Pullman cars. Arrangements are now being made to entertain these parties. The Southern Pacific is behind Ashland in its development and it is up to Ashland to produce the goods, and the interest being manifested among the greater part of the citizens is very gratifying to those at the head.

Suicide Well Known Locally

H. C. Clark, the Grants Pass man who committed suicide last Wednesday, was 68 years of age and is well known in many Oregon towns. He was a builder and contractor and constructed the Rhodes and Farlow blocks in this city. He was engaged in the contracting business in Grants Pass, but during the past two years has been an invalid as the result of an attack of pneumonia. During the past year he has been confined to his bed and brooded over his condition until he preferred death to continued suffering.

He killed himself with a shotgun when his wife was absent from the house. He was a member of the local Elks lodge. The body was taken to Albany for burial.

Besides his widow, Mr. Clark is survived by three children, one daughter, Juanita, residing at Portland, and another, Amy, at the home in this city. The son, M. J. Clark, resides in Grants Pass and has been associated with his father for several years past in the contracting business.

The annual Roseburg Strawberry Carnival will be held in the Umpqua Valley city Friday and Saturday of this week. The Strawberry Carnival is one of the big events of the year in Roseburg and elaborate plans have been made for this year's events.

Play With Matches; Set House Afire

The old story of children and matches resulted in a small blaze in the P. N. Grisez home on Third street Friday afternoon, which, however, was discovered before much damage was done. Some little children got hold of matches which were left in an unsafe place and set fire to rags and paper in the kitchen of the residence. An alarm was turned in and the fire company responded, but the fire was extinguished with a garden hose. Only a few dollars' damage resulted. The incident should serve as a warning to parents to keep the matches where the babies cannot get at them.

Surface County Roads With Gravel

Surfacing the highways with buckshot gravel has begun in earnest by the county under supervision of Roadmaster Smith. King's Highway is the first road to be improved. This will be followed by improving the Eagle Point, Hillcrest and other roads.

The county recently purchased the buckshot gravel deposit on McAndrews hill, northeast of Medford, and has installed machinery that enables the handling of a great mass of material at a very cheap figure.

Roadmaster Smith states that the new method of handling is a perfect success and that roads are being built much cheaper than ever before.

"Omar, Tentmaker" At the Vining

"Omar, the Tentmaker," the spectacular Persian love play, in which Guy Bates Post comes to the Vining Theatre for a night's engagement Saturday, June 5, contains several notable stage effects. Its mounting is not only the most luxurious of recent years, but also the most original. The first setting is a rose-scented garden; the second is in the streets of Nishapur, showing the interior of Omar's home, the streets on each side of it, the tavern and the potter's shop. Another remarkable scene is in the judgment hall of the old temple of Zoroaster, with the gardens of the governor showing just above. To give the full richness of these and other settings, Tully & Buckland, managers of Guy Bates Post, and the spectacle, have provided an elaborate proscenium arch, decorated with beautiful-Persian designs, so that all the scenes are framed in this and given an additional charm.

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Canby getting a 75,000-gallon water tank.

Walk Around Wash- Outs to Get Home

R. L. ("Bud") Burdick arrived in the city Wednesday evening from San Francisco, where he has been attending dental college. Bud was marooned at Red Bluff for three days as a result of the washouts. He finally got through by walking around the ten miles of caveins and washouts. He says he had a fine time in Red Bluff and would have liked to stay a week. The O. A. C., University of Washington and University of Oregon track teams were on the same train with Burdick, and through his acquaintance with some of the Oregon boys Bud was invited to a dance at Red Bluff.

Most of the passengers walked around the bad place, but the women and children were transferred by way of Ogden. V. V. Mills returned Friday evening from Stanford University and also was obliged to hike for several miles. The company now has Italians to carry the passengers' luggage and the distance is not so great. Mills says that all but one of the washouts was bridged when he came through. The passengers who were obliged to stop over in Red Bluff did so at the company's expense.

Hard times prices all this week at Orres' tailor shop.

Thirty-Eight Will Graduate Next Week

Thirty-eight young people, fifteen young men and twenty-three young ladies, are now spending the last few half glad, half sad days of their high school life and will go out into "the wide, wide world" next week.

The next few days will be full ones for the seniors. School work ended for the seniors last Friday and the ordeal of final examinations is being undergone this week. Next Friday evening comes the junior-senior reception, the big social event of the year in school circles.

The baccalaureate sermon will be preached by Rev. Carnahan in the Methodist church Sunday evening, May 23.

School closes May 28. Final examinations for all the grades below the seniors take place during the week commencing May 24.

The alumni reception will be held on Friday evening, May 28, in Moose hall.

Commencement exercises will be held in the Chautauqua building Thursday evening, May 27. Prof. E. D. Ressler, head of the department of education at Oregon Agricultural College, will deliver the commencement address. A program will be rendered by members of the class and will consist of selections by the orchestra, a vocal solo, a duet, selections by the senior double quartet, and other numbers. The diplomas will be presented by Superintendent Briscoe. As usual, the junior class will have the decoration of the building in charge.

The members of the Ashland high school class of 1915 follow:

John Anderson, Florence Allen, LeRoy Ashcraft, Vena Caroline Bailey, Alene Bomar, Hazel M. Bruner, Edna Dahuff, Hazel M. Dalzell, Vernon H. Doran, Howard A. Frame, Maye O. Glover, Eunice Grubb, Margaret Hodgson, Bill Holmes, Bessie W. Homes, Winifred C. Lester, J. Kenneth Lilly, Hazel Jincy Lowe, Mary Ona Maxson, Myrtle M. McGee, Gertrude Miksch, Lois W. Mortland, Maple Payne, Nellie Irene Peachey, Troy A. Phipps, Ruth A. Porter, H. Lawson Riley, Ralph T. Salsbury, Fred M. Schuerman, Madeline Silver, Glenn Elwyn Simpson, Harold V. Simpson, Robert R. Spencer, Granville B. Van Vactor, Robert Wagner, Richard W. Ware, Bessie York.

Medford Boy Beats State Record

Robert Pelouze of Medford clipped one-fifth of a second off of the state interscholastic record for the 440-yard dash in the interscholastic meet at Eugene Saturday, running the quarter in 52 2-5 seconds. Medford tied with Salem and Hood River for fifth place. Columbia University of Portland took the meet. Williamson of Medford took fourth in the low hurdles. Ashland did not have any entries this year.

Phone job orders to the Tidings.

Hill Railroad to Coast Rumored

Central Point Herald: Much interest and speculation is shown by the people of Medford on account of rumors of railroad activity that is expected to develop in the near future. Two engineering crews have been operating in this locality for two or three weeks, one encamped on Bear creek, while the other has been viewing and mapping the country to the east and west of this place.

It is rumored that they are employed by the Hill interests, and those in a position to have inside information report that a line will be surveyed from Medford by way of Central Point, Gold Hill, Grants Pass to Oakland. The line will practically parallel the Southern Pacific to that point, but from there will take a northwesterly direction through a low pass in the mountains to Roseburg. From there a line was surveyed some three years ago, by local capitalists, terminating at Coos Bay. At that time sufficient capital was not available for the construction of the line, although funds were liberally subscribed by citizens of the Bay, and it was hoped that rail communication would be established, bringing that prosperous community in touch with the commercial center of the northwest.

Although this enterprise has been given every encouragement by business men, success seemed far away, but now there is hope that early construction will begin not later than the 1st of September. As the line from Coos Bay to Roseburg was surveyed and right of way secured by the original promoters, it is thought construction may begin at both ends of the line and pushed to its completion by 1917, if not before that time.

It is further reported that engineers will take the field to the east of Medford as soon as the snow is out of the Cascade mountains and that it is the intention to make connection with the line now completed through Wyoming and pushing for the Pacific coast. It is said that this line would have an advantage of more than 300 miles over other transcontinental lines in reaching the Pacific.

With the beginning of actual construction, Medford and Jackson county will awaken to a new era of progress and development, and the many resources of the county will show that the claims of the people of this favored locality are to be verified, and the latent wealth of our forests, mines and fields will yield their treasure to the hand of patient industry.

Noted Visitor in City Saturday

Saturday Vice-President E. O. McCormick of the Southern Pacific Company, accompanied by President Farrell of the United States Steel Corporation, Mrs. Farrell and daughter and a number of steel company attaches, passed through Ashland and stopped off for an hour. E. V. Carter, Secretary Norris and Mr. Greer took the gentlemen and Mrs. J. J. McNair and Nellie Briggs took the ladies of the party for a ride about the city. Roses were provided for the ladies and elder for the gentlemen. Although the day was drizzly and made it impossible to show them beautiful Ashland canyon, the visitors saw enough to be charmed with the city and expressed a desire of returning when our resort plans are completed and make a week or ten days' stay. They are on their way to visit the expositions at Frisco and San Diego.

Teachers' Review Class.

A teachers' review class in the west room of the Polytechnic College, Ashland, will begin work June 1 and continue to June 30, when the several counties have the regular examination. Tuition \$6 for the month. For information address W. T. Van Scoy, Rogue River, Ore. 98-St.

As a result of the complaint of Miss Ambrosine Murphy, a school teacher of Medford, the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington, D. C., has issued a general conference ruling providing that "where there were two round trip fares lawfully in effect and the passenger paid for the more expensive one and used the route of the less expensive one, it is lawful and proper for the carrier to adjust on the basis of the lawful fare by way of the route traveled."